

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

Do Not Give Up.

There is a saying old boys,
But though so old 'tis true,
And lest you should forget it,
I'll tell it now to you.
It is this: If any task you have,
Which trouble costs or pain,
Don't give it up the first time,
But try, try again.
No; don't give up, but *this* resolve:
"However hard it be,
And though it cost me hours of toil,
'Twill never conquer me."
What *has* been done *you* sure can do;
So now to work with might;
And you will rise, when victory's yours,
The stronger for the fight.—SEL.

DEAR EDITOR:—I thought I would write a few lines to help fill up the Children's Column. It has been quite a long time since I wrote for the paper. I am glad to see so many pieces in the paper. I guess you would be glad to hear from me again. I like to read the paper. I go to Sunday School at Pleasant Hill. They have a good school. We had thirty-one scholars last Sunday and got forty cents for penny collection. My teacher's name is Miss Anna Garver. She is a good teacher. They had protracted meeting last winter, and converted fourteen souls. The preacher's name is Wm. Mygrant. He is a good preacher. I like to hear him preach. He will preach next Sunday. The German Baptists held protracted meeting. They baptized five persons at the Locust Grove. I like to go to school. I have a good teacher. Our school will be out the 6th, of March. I have not missed one day and have not been tardy. I study Grammar, Arithmetic, History, Geography, Writing, Spelling. We have thirty scholars in our school. I guess I must stop by answering Ida A. Yagle's question: Adam and Eve were not born and died.

NATHAN HARDMAN.

Cambridge City, Ind.

DEAR EDITOR:—I will attempt to write a few lines for the EVANGELIST. I am nine years old, the 25th, of this month. I go to school every day that I am well enough to go. Miss Ella Seeter is my teacher. I like her. She is a good teacher. I have a very bad sore throat, but I am better now. Pa takes the EVANGELIST. Bro. Mason is our pastor and I love to hear him. He preaches for us once a month. I will close as this is my first attempt.

IKIE HARRISON.

Pleasant Hill, O., Jan. 31, 1887.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my second attempt to write for the Children's Column. I wrote my first letter when cousin Lottie Holsinger was in the office. I like to go to church and Sunday School. We have preaching every two weeks. Prayer meeting on Sunday evening, Sunday School at half past two o'clock. We have an evergreen Sunday School. I go to school. I like to go. My teacher's name is Nathaniel Replogle. My studies are Geography, Grammar, Literature, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, History, Physiology and Spelling. I am ten years old. I have a little brother. He is seven years old. He is in the Primary Department. I will close for this time.

Good by,

HAYES REPROGIE.

New Enterprise, Pa., Feb. 27, 1887.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. My pa takes the EVANGELIST. I like to read the little letters very much. My pa and ma belong to the Brethren church. I go to school. My studies are Reading, Writing, Spelling, Geography, Arithmetic. My teacher's name is Ella Simmons. I like her very much. I must close for this time. If I see this in print, I may write again. Good by,

MINNIE BROWN.

DEAR EDITOR:—I thought I would write a few lines for the first time for the Children's Column. I am nine years of age. I go to school every day. My studies are Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arith-

metic and Geography. My teacher's name is Mr. S. W. Smucher and I like him very well. My pa was at church today. Ma, Grace and I could not go. The weather was too rough. Our preacher's name is J. H. Knepper. I have a sweet little sister fifteen months old and one brother older than myself died five years ago. If I see this in print, I may write again. Good by,

CHARLEY O. WALKER.

Boone, Pa.

DEAR EDITOR:—I thought I would write a few lines for the Children's Column. Our school closed March 10th. We had a nice little exhibition in the afternoon. Several of the parents were present. After the exercises she presented us each her hidden name card and another large card to remember her but I think I shall not forget her. She was so nice and kind. Rev. W. L. Spanogle is going to preach for us another year. We have church every two weeks and Sunday School every Sunday. I will close by answering Grace E. Snider's question: God commanded Noah to make the Ark of gopher wood. Gen. 6:14. Yours truly,

MARY R. DELOZIER.

McKees Gap, Pa., March 12, 1887.

DEAR EDITOR:—Here I come with another letter for the little Folk's Department. I did not go to Sabbath School today because it was raining. Eddie Smith is my teacher and my pa is superintendent. Our day school commences tomorrow. They have not been school for so long I guess I have pretty near forgot my books. There is flowers in bloom here. I have got cabbage plants and tomato plants up nice. I had some nice flowers last summer. It encouraged me so that I guess I will plant a lot of flowers this spring. I am trying to raise some pigeons this summer. I have got four already. One of them I call Ditch he is so tame that when ever I hold out my hand he flies down on my hand. I mean to help my papa all I can this summer so that he will get me a pony to ride. I do take a ride every once and a while. My brothers call me Tommy but I don't care. I will close by asking a question: Who found a piece of silver in a fishers mouth and how old was Noah when he died? Good by,

L. O. RITTENHOUSE.

Spring Grove, Va.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write for the paper. As I read the Children's letters I thought I would write one also. I go to school at Pleasant Hill. My teacher's name is Miss Berry. I go to school nearly every day. I am ten years old. My studies are Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography and Language. My papa takes the EVANGELIST. Bro. Mason is our minister. My papa and mamma belong to the Brethren church. I have one sister and one half sister living. One sister dead. My grandma Dalsgrove, died the 28th of Jan. We miss her very much. I have one grandma living 75, and two grandpa's. One grandpa is 81 and the other is 72. I hope I will see this in print, if I do I will write again. Your singer good by,

GRACE A. OAKES.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. I go to school. I am seven years old. My studies are Reading in the Fourth Reader, Arithmetic, Spelling. My teacher's name is Mr. Abner Busly. I like him very well. My pa and ma belong to the Brethren church. We have no Brethren church here but there is a M. E. church here that we go to. We have no Sunday School here now but we will have one this summer and I expect that I will go. I will now close for this time by answering Cora A. Augustine's question: The waters prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days.

JENNIE IMBODEN.

Haynes, O.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. I am thirteen years old. I go to school every day. My teacher's

name is S. D. Fisher. I like him very much. I have two sisters. We go to hear Mr. E. Shaver preach. He preaches in our vicinity every second Sunday. My grandma takes the EVANGELIST, and I like to read the little letters very much. Well, I will close by asking a question: Who made Israel sin?

Yours truly,

ARAMITTIE C. RITTNOUR.

Tom's Brook, Va.

DEAR EDITOR:—As I have never written to any paper I thought I would write for the EVANGELIST. Grandma takes the EVANGELIST. I am very fond of reading it. Especially Mr. G. A. Copp's letters. The Conservatives held a series of meetings at the Round Hill church which we attended. Eight were added to the church. Pa, ma and I belong to the United Brethren church, but we like to attend Mr. E. B. Shaver's meetings. I go to school at Pleasant Green. I study Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, History and Geography. I like my teacher very much. I will close by asking a question: What was Joshua's fathers name? I hope this will escape the waste basket, for this is my first letter.

MINNIE A. RITTNOUR.

Tom's Brook, Va.

DEAR EDITOR:—I thought I would write for the Children's Column. I go to school every day. Our school will be out next Friday. My studies are Reading, Writing, Spelling and Arithmetic. Our teacher's name is George Goshorne. Our school is at Pleasant Home, O. We live a mile and a half from school. It is a good way to school when it is cold. I have two brothers only one living and five sisters and four living. We go to Fair Haven to church. We have no Sabbath School in the winter. When spring opens, we will have Sabbath School again. I like to go to Sabbath School. I am nine years old. I will try to answer Ida Yagle's question: Who were they that were never born and died? I think it was Adam and Eve. This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. If I see this in print, I may write again.

CLARA GINTER.

Pleasant Hill, O.

DEAR EDITOR:—Seeing a good many others writing to your paper, I thought I would have to put one in too. I am still going to school. Pa is out at Burr Oak now. He is preaching out there. I wish that Mrs. Hannah E. Beer, would tell us some stories about California. I wish every little one would ask a question when they write. I like to hunt them. Our school is going to have an entertainment for the sake of getting up a library for the school. Three other boys and myself are going to debate. Our question is, "Resolve that country life is more desirable than city life." I am on the country side. I will answer Lula Swihart's and Illie Stanton's questions: Lula Swihart's, Who was Mary's husband? Joseph. Illie Stanton's, What shall be the last enemy that shall be destroyed? Death. I will close by asking a question: What king was it that shot the arrows out of the east window over Elisha's head? Yours truly,

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

Feb. 28, 1887.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write. I am seven years old. I went to school two weeks this winter. I study Reading, Writing, Spelling and Arithmetic. I read in the Fourth Reader. My teacher's name is Maud Ellison. I like her very much. My father takes the EVANGELIST. I like to read the Children's letters. I will answer Ida A. Yagle's question: Adam and Eve were created.

Yours truly,

LEWTIE KRIEGER.

Plainfield, Iowa.

DEAR EDITOR:—I thought I would write a letter for the Children's Column, as it is my first attempt. My pa and ma belong to the Brethren church. Our preacher's name is Mr. Smouse and we like him very much. We have preaching here every three weeks. I have three sisters and one brother living and two brothers and one sister dead. I must close for this time. Good by editor,

SARAH E. RESSLER.

Baker's Furnace, Pa.